
FEBRUARY 5, 1806.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House,
on Wednesday next.

A Bill,

Removing the limitation to the right of suffrage in the Mississippi territory, and empowering the legislature thereof to increase the number of representatives in the general assembly by a given ratio to that of the electors.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That every
3 white male person in the Mississippi territory having reached the
4 age of twenty-one years, and every other free male person, Indians
5 not naturalized excepted, of or above the same age, not descended
6 from a slave on either side in the first nor second degree; who
7 shall have been a resident within the said territory one complete
8 year previous to the election, if a citizen of one of the United States,
9 or of the United States generally, or who shall have been a resident
10 within the said territory two complete years previous, if not a citizen
11 as aforesaid, shall have a right to vote at all future elections of repre-
12 sentatives in the said territory, any thing in the ordinance for the
13 government of the territories of the United States to the contrary
14 notwithstanding.

1 Sec 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the legislature of the
2 aforesaid territory shall have power to apportion the number of
3 representatives to be chosen for the general assembly to the dif-
4 ferent counties existing at the time of such apportionment, accord-
5 ing to the number of persons possessing the right of suffrage with-
6 in the said counties, any act or acts to the contrary notwithstand-
7 ing: *Provided*, that the whole number of representatives shall not
8 fall short of ten nor exceed one for every three hundred electors,
9 and that no county shall be without one representative in the said
10 body.